(b) whether India's assistance was sought by the UNO to help them in their efforts; and

(c) if so, the role played by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India's effort was part of the consolidated effort by the U.N. Security Council to ensure compliance with the terms of the relevant resolutions of the Council.

Empanelment of Directors for Promotions to Joint Secretaries

4664. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Sunday Pioneer of Delhli dated 26th July 1992 under the caption "Sugar daddies and sugar babies" alleging favouritism;

(b) if so, what are the rules|guidelines for empanelment of directors for promotions to joint secretaries;

(c) the number of vacant IFS cadres posts of Joint Secretary available as on date of the last sitting of Departmental Promotion Committee (D.P.C.) and total number of vacancies in cadre posts of Joint Secretary likely to be there in one year;

(d) whether non-cadre training slots were taken into account in preparing the 1974 panel of Joint Secretary in the IFS; and

(e) whether promotion can be given within the cadres against non-cadre national slots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Foreign Service (Recruitment Cadre, Seniority and Promotion), Rules 1961, inter-alia, govern promotion to Grade III of IFS (Joint Secretary level). These rules stipulate that such promotion shall be made on merit from among members of the Indian Foreign Service holding posts in the next lower grade.

(c) The DPC recommends the select list for anticipated vacancies which are likely to become available in a year due to death, retirement, resignation, promotion to higher grades, creation of additional posts and deputation and training of officers against the existing cadre reserves etc.

21 vacancies were anticipated to be available in a year from the date of the last meeting of the DPC.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Indian Council of World Affairs

4665. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the present plight of the Indian Council of World Affairs and various complaints of the readers and research scholars as frequently highlighted in the newspapers; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to take over this world famous institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have seen representations|reports to this effect.

(b) Government are considering various measures for revitalising the functioning of the Indian Council of World Affairs.